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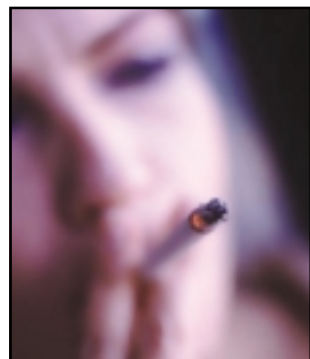
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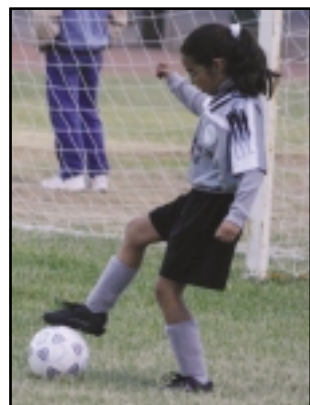
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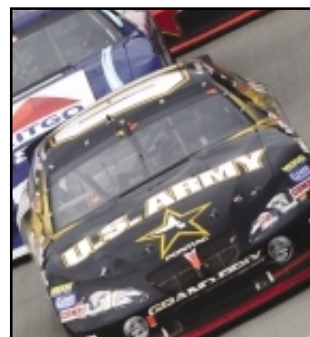
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ere we go again – debate on women in combat

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Every now and then, there comes a subject of debate which lingers and haunts the minds and thoughts of Americans concerning our Armed Forces. One particular subject, which I thought was buried in the grave of debates come and gone, has once again arisen into question.

Ten years later the question “should females fight in combat” has resurfaced back in the national debate after the Army began looking at eliminating the 10-year-old ban of women in combat.

I was in the Army when the ban was instituted, just as I was when the Army decided to change basic training into the gender-integrated companies we still have today. The mindset then was if we fight together, then we should train together.

Of course there was resistance from many drill sergeants, first sergeants and commanders alike, but ten years later, we still have mixed-sex basic training.

In the article, ‘Female Soldiers eyed for combat,’ by Rowan Scarborough of the *Washington Times*, he mentions the Army is not seeking to lift the ban on women in direct combat units, such as infantry or armor.

I don’t know what’s going to ultimately happen on

the decision to lift the ban or not. I have my own views on whether or not females should serve in combat. As a veteran of the Gulf War, I’ve seen first hand the determination of females willing to kill or die for their fellow Soldier.

I will say this though, and I’ll use one of my favorite analogies taken from the movie Jurassic Park – nature always find a way. Someday this debate will be resolved and then resurface again.

But rather than express my views, two *Fort Huachuca Scout* staff members, Specialists Marcus Butler and Joy Pariente were both asked to write their opinion on this topic.

ombat still wrong choice

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

Servicemembers are encouraged to pursue opportunities and career enhancements in the Armed Forces, limited only by the needs and good of the Service. But when it comes to combat assignments, the needs of the military must take precedence over all other considerations, including the career respects of individual servicemembers.

The military service is not a corporation, and being a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine is more than just a job.



BUTLER

Why not women in combat?

SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Warfare has evolved. Far gone are the days where Soldiers lined up face to face to fight, the front lines, or the war zone was clearly defined the beaches we stormed or the villages we converged upon. In 2004, war has no discrimination.

Firefights break out in “safe zones”, supply clerks and admin specialists are taking up arms almost as much as infantrymen.

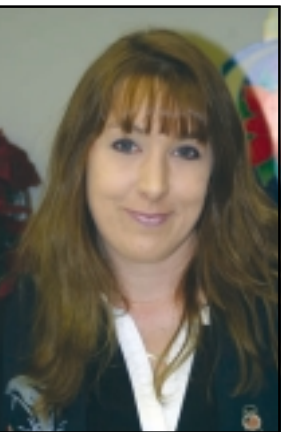


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ANGELA HARMON
CIVILIAN

“I am all for women in combat. I would go if I could.”



1ST. SGT. OLIVER JACKSON
HEADQUARTERS, HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY, U.S. ARMY GARRISON

“Women deserve every opportunity to serve their country in any way they see fit.”



SPC. TRACY ZIMMERMANN
MEDICAL ACTIVITY COMMAND

“I am all for women fighting in combat.”



SGT. LATORIA MANN
MEDICAL ACTIVITY COMMAND

“I think women should go only in support roles, but not fight in combat directly.”

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Navy set to ship Sailors from Morse code course

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS

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Citing a reduced requirement for training, the Center for Cryptology (CC) Corry Station is closing its detachment at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center by end of fiscal year 2005.

CC Commanding Officer Capt. Kevin Hooley said the Navy will cease participation in two of three courses offered at Fort Huachuca, resulting in the annual student load of approximately 100-180 per year to 30.

"A primary goal of the Chief of Naval Operations Revolution in Training is to produce the most effective fighting force as effectively as possible," Hooley said. "My top priorities are to give the Fleet a ready Sailor and to use the Navy's resources wisely. This move satisfies both – it aligns the 'A' school course and the follow-on Morse code course at a single site, providing the Sailor a more seamless training experience."

The impact of the Sailors departing the Intel Center will be very minimal according to 111th Military Intelligence Brigade Commander Col. Thomas Kelley.

"They're the smaller of the services here," Kelley said. "The Air Force is the largest sister service followed by the Marines here training. As far as impact goes on how we train our training base, this is going to have a minimal impact."

Kelley mentioned he had talked to Chief Warrant Officer Mark Countryman, Navy detachment commander, and concluded the Intel Center would not suffer with the Navy's departure.

"We're still going to continue to train 98 Gulfs [Cryptologic linguists] from the Army perspective. Also the Marines and Air Force will still send their folks here to do 98 Hotel [Communications Interceptor/Locator] training."

"The only change we're looking at concerning the short to mid term range is that the 98H name will change. They will now be a 98G 'Alpha' but they will still be training in Morse."

Countryman, said the Navy has been conducting Manual Morse code training on the fort since July 1993.

Kelley mentioned the Morse code craft still has a role on the modern and future battlefield in intelligence gathering and the decision was made that Soldiers serving as cryptologic linguists and voice interceptors will become the Prophet operators.

Because there are plenty of communication interceptors/locators, some will come back to Fort Huachuca to reclassify, but there will be a need to maintain the Soldiers assigned to 98H because Morse still has some validity.

Despite the departure of most of the Sailors, Kelley said the Intel Center will remain a purple environment for training all servicemembers.

Kelley said the school house is the executive agent for the military intelligence training for all communications interceptors/locators, just as the Air Force is for 98C [Signal intelligence analyst] and 98G at Goodfellow Air Force Base, and the Navy is for training 98K [signals collection/identification analyst] at Pensacola.

"From a joint perspective, everything we do now is geared towards joint training. In fact we're trying to expand it a bit," Kelley said. "You're going to see more of that in our training at the Joint Intelligence Combat Training center we have. We're going to try to get more inter-agency services to come in, but the Navy has made a decision to be more effective in the way that they train."

Recalling his tenure at Fort Huachuca as the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion commander, Kelley said the relationship with the Navy detachment has always been great and "good synergy."

"Our staff loves working with the Army and other

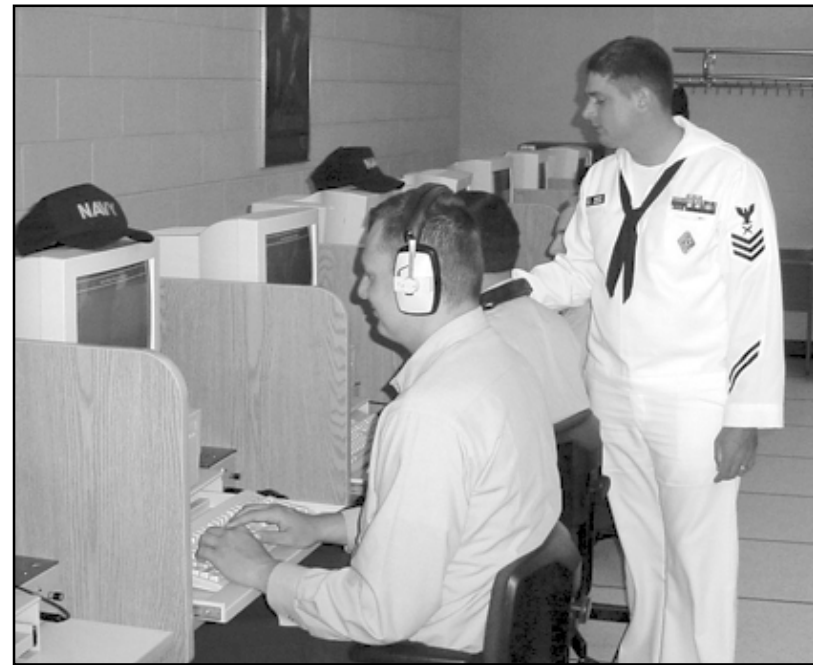


Photo by CTR1 Brian Posey

Cryptologic Technician Collection First Class William Webster, an instructor at the Center for Cryptology (CC) Detachment, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., instructs students on the operation of Manual Morse equipment. The Navy will be moving Manual Morse Code training to the CC Corry Station Learning Site in Pensacola, Fla.

Services," Countryman said. "The Army has taken good care of our needs and has been an excellent host. We will miss the close-knit community and outstanding Army support."

"However, closing the detachment and moving the Manual Morse training back to Pensacola will save the Navy millions of dollars in the long run and will reduce the number of personnel required to conduct this training."

(Editor's note: Darlene Goodwin, Center for Cryptology Public Affairs Officer contributed to this article.)

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Civil society protects individuals' rights, but the military, which protects civil society, must be governed by different rules.

While there have been no grounds of protest against the high rate of female combat deaths in Iraq, the matter of women serving in war zones is still controversial.

A survey by the Gallup Poll found that 16 percent of 1,004 Americans surveyed said women should never get combat assignments, while 45 percent said they should get such assignments only if they wanted them.

A reasonable conclusion against assigning women to combat is drawn not from any single factor, but from the cumulative body of evidence suggesting such assignments would adversely affect military readiness, cohesion and effectiveness.

Although some have argued that adverse effects and additional burdens on combat units are justified on grounds of equal opportunity, virtually no one has argued that they are justified by military necessity.

Also, I find myself wondering, how

many believe women could handle guerrilla conflict in a jungle or mountainous environment, such as Vietnam or Afghanistan? This is no joke.

What would the results be to the average female if she were stuck in 100 plus degree, wet weather with no clean water, no soap, and no change of clothing or underwear for three or four months at a time?

There is an infection issue here that does not generally affect men. Strength, stamina, and endurance are required in continuous, sustained combat.

This point particular raises the issue of whether or not muscular strength, endurance, and size make a difference in the combat arms.

There are feminists today who point to the 'fact' that warfare is becoming more of a computerized push-button endeavor where the physical strength and stamina, as described above, is not a factor.

The modern battlefield has changed, but not the concept of killing in war, therefore I, nor millions of other Americans are ready to see our sisters die in combat.

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The expanded combat zone has brought up an important question, can women serve in combat?

Well they already are. As of October, 24 Army women had died in Iraq, 15 from hostile fire, and many more have been injured, physically and emotionally scarred. Just like the men.

Women comprise more than 17 percent of the armed forces and can serve in about 80 percent of military occupational specialties. They cannot, however, serve in infantry, armor, field artillery or air defense artillery capacities.

The new Army movement is to get women into support jobs in warfighter units. The 10-year-old policy preventing women from these jobs was written at a time when warfare was a different animal.

Army spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Rodney said there was a more linear combat environment in mind when that policy was written, preventing women from being in combat situations.

The current policy states that combat is "engaging an enemy with individual or

crew-served weapons while being exposed to direct enemy fire, a high probability of direct physical contact with the enemy's personnel and a substantial risk of capture."

This sounds a lot like the situations that female Soldiers are placed in throughout Iraq and Afghanistan daily.

It's time that the Army revises their policy to allow for willing and capable women to voluntarily be placed in the front lines defending our country.

Not every female who wears the greens wants to be all 'hooah' and hard charging though.

The proposed female slots in the warfighter unit support companies should be saved for women who are really eager to go to combat and who are prepared to perform to the physical and training standards of their primarily male unit.

Studies have shown that you are able to train women to perform at a male's physical standards. In World War II,

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Great American Smokeout — try it!

BY MARCIE BIRK

ARMY MEDICINE NEWS SERVICE

Are you a tobacco user? Are you tired of wasting money on cigarettes? Are you worried about what cigarette smoke is doing to your children? Are you ready to quit? Then the Great American Smokeout is for you!

Today, you and thousands of other Americans can say "So long, Tobacco Road" and "Hello, healthier life" during the nation's biggest freedom-from-tobacco event.

Each year, more than 400,000 Americans die from cigarette smoking. In fact, one in every five deaths in the U.S. is related to smoking. Smoking tobacco causes chronic lung disease, heart disease, and stroke, as well as cancer of the lungs, larynx, esophagus, mouth, and bladder.

Smokeless tobacco, along with being more addictive than smoking, causes cancer of the gums, mouth, and throat.

These long-term risks of tobacco use are deadly serious. But did you know that tobacco damages your health from the very beginning? For example, the nicotine in tobacco reduces blood flow to the muscles, therefore, increasing the risk for injuries and slowing the healing of muscle tears.

This has a definite impact on fitness. Nicotine also lowers the level of testosterone in the blood and can lead to impotence for men. Tobacco reduces night vision, which can be a serious problem for soldiers in the field.

If you want to quit using tobacco, ask your health-care provider to recommend a local tobacco-cessation program. Most installations have these programs, and studies have shown that participation in a structured program significantly improves the chance for success. If you can't get into a program right away, use the following four simple steps to get started.

Step One: Pick a quit date. The Great American Smokeout is a great day to quit. Mark Nov. 18 on your calendar. Write a list of reasons you want to quit using tobacco and get yourself ready to break free from tobacco addiction.

Step Two: Establish your tobacco-free zone. Throw away ALL cigarettes, matches, and lighters, and chew. Clean and deodorize your house, car, and clothing. Get rid of the ashtrays in your house and pick up cigarette butts in and around your yard. Ask your friends and family NOT to smoke in your house, in your car, or around you for at least three weeks.

Step Three: Avoid situations that lead to tobacco

use. Think about those times that you use tobacco. Is it during break time at work? While driving? When talking on the phone? At a restaurant?

Avoid those places or situations for a few months. Of course, there are some places you can't avoid, such as driving your car. In those situations, substitute a new, enjoyable behavior for smoking.

For example, instead of lighting up when driving, have a lollipop. When talking on the phone, keep your hands busy by doodling on a piece of paper. During break time, take a walk around the building, bring in a favorite magazine to read, or listen to the radio.

Step Four: Take care of yourself. Enjoy your meals. Sharper taste and smell will be early noticeable benefits of your freedom from tobacco. Drink plenty of water to flush the nicotine from your body. Use deep breathing and relaxation exercises to help you through stressful times. Call a friend when you need a pep talk. Calculate how much money you're saving and buy something fun!

The Great American Smokeout is a great time to quit tobacco and begin to enjoy all the benefits of saying "So long, Tobacco Road." For more information about tobacco cessation, visit <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhpw/Population/Tobacco.aspx>.

Tobacco use affects mission

BY CAPT. GORDON WEST

ARMY MEDICINE NEWS SERVICE

Today, Soldiers are deployed worldwide. They need to be in top physical shape to meet mission requirements. Many studies have been done that show the negative affects that smoking has on performance readiness.

In general, smokers exercise less and perform more poorly on physical-fitness tests and are less successful in combat training. They also have higher rates of various types of illnesses and absenteeism from the job.

This clearly shows that the effects of regular tobacco use are incompatible with maintaining the physical abilities necessary

to perform at peak levels in the very physically demanding jobs that are commonplace in the military.

In addition to the negative associations between smoking and physical readiness, smoking-related health-care costs in the Defense Department are estimated at \$530 million. The associated lost-productivity costs are about \$345 million.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that each pack of cigarettes sold in the United States costs the nation an estimated \$7.18 in medical-care costs and lost productivity.

Smoking shortens adult males' and females' lives an average of 13.2 and 14.5 years respectively. If not for the mission, then stop smoking for your family. Recent re-

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Ask troop doctor: can body repair self after smoking?

BY MAJ. NIEL A. JOHNSON

ARMY MEDICINE NEWS SERVICE

Question – I heard that the body can repair itself when a person quits smoking. Is this really true?

Answer – It's true. The impacts of smoking on health are widely known, but less well known is the sequence of how the human body begins to heal itself as soon as a person quits smoking.

Millions of American have quit smoking in recent years, and the American Cancer Society's "Great American Smoke-Out" Day in November celebrates the success of past and future quitters. Even quitting for 24 hours gives your body a "breathing spell," as the typical effects listed below indicate:

Within 20 minutes of the last cigarette, blood pressure drops to its baseline level. Pulse rate also drops, and the body temperature of the hands and feet increases to normal healthy

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The ABC's of VA education benefits

BY MILITARY.COM

With GI Bill rates going up on Oct. 1, now is a perfect time for servicemembers to review their basic education benefits. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides three main sources of education benefits:

- The Montgomery GI Bill for Veterans & Servicemembers
- The Reserve GI Bill for today's Reserve and National Guard members
- The Veteran's Education Assistance Program (VEAP) for those who enlisted between 1977 and 1985

What is the GI Bill?

The Montgomery GI Bill gives active duty and veterans over \$36,000 (tax free) that can be used for tuition, books, fees, and living expenses while you earn your degree, certification or attend trade school. Here are the Basic Monthly Rates effective Oct. 1, for those completing an enlistment of more than three years or more years:

If you go to school each month you'll get:

Full time (Usually 12 or more credits): \$1004

3/4 time (Usually 9-12 credits): \$753
1/2 time (Usually 4-9 credits): \$502
1/4 time or less (Usually 3 or less credits): \$251

Different rates apply for 2-year enlistments, apprenticeships, on-the-job training, flight training and cooperative or correspondence courses. See your Education Office or visit www.military.com for additional information.

Am I eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill?

You qualify if:

- You contributed \$100 a month for the first 12 months you were on active duty, or you elected to convert from VEAP;
- You were Honorably Discharged with three or more years of service (if you are a Veteran);
- You have completed High School or have an equivalency certificate before you apply for benefits;
- You have served at least two years on active duty prior to using this benefit.

What about the Reserve GI Bill?

The Reserve GI Bill is for Reserve and Guard members. Through this program you can get over \$10,000 (tax free) to help with college tuition, books, fees and vocational training or certification expenses.

Here are the Basic Monthly Rates effective Oct. 1, for Selected Reserve and Guard:

If you go to school each month you will get:

Full time (Usually 12 or more credits): \$288

3/4 time (Usually 9-12 Credits): \$216

1/2 time (Usually 4-9 Credits): \$143

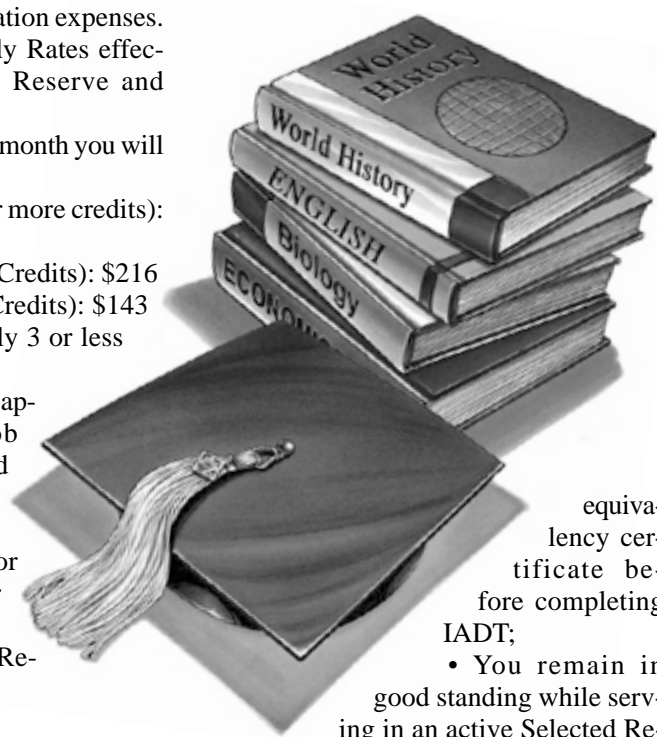
1/4 time or less (Usually 3 or less Credits): \$71.75

Different rates apply for apprenticeships, on-the-job training, flight training and cooperative or correspondence courses are lower. See your Education Office or visit www.military.com for additional information.

Am I eligible for the Reserve GI Bill?

You qualify if:

- You have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985;
- You have completed your Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT);
- You have a high school diploma or



equivalency certificate before completing IADT;

- You remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit.

What is the Veteran's Education Assistance Program (VEAP)?

VEAP is VA educational benefit.

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Inspectors ensures fort's food source good to go

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

Every day on Fort Huachuca thousands of servicemembers, family members and civilian employees enjoy their favorite food they've either purchased at Burger King, Popeye's or the Commissary.

Each day as people please their palates with the food of their choice, there are a few unknown Soldiers who ensure that the food everyone eats is disease free and meets safe health guidelines – and oh yes, they enjoy a good bite as well.

These Soldiers are the 'guardian angels' of the post food supply and they take pride in protecting the food that everyone loves to eat. This is the day-to-day thankless job of the veterinary food inspector.

"From Burger King to daycare centers, we will be there to make sure that all of the codes are followed and kept up to standard,"

said Sgt. Christine Fuller, NCOIC of food inspection.

The Vet Clinic is responsible for accomplishing that very mission of assisting in the inspection of food, conducting subsistence quality assurance inspections in food handling establishments, sanitary inspections in military and commercial facilities and collecting, preparing, and transmitting samples of food to laboratories for testing.

One of their primary goals is to ensure everyone on post can eat their food with no worries about disease or mishandling. The 91R, veterinary food inspector specialist, has a daily mission to police up any facility on post that serves food.

"We are here to make sure that all food products that are delivered on post are of the highest quality possible," said Fuller. "We will not allow anything on post that is not from an approved source."

The source is approved by either the federal inspectors, state

inspectors, or the veterinary inspectors on Fort Huachuca.

"The most challenging part of my job is the retaining of the information that is needed to complete the proper paperwork and what to look for as far as violations go," said Fuller.

"We provide services to every single facility on post that serves food in any way shape or form, Fuller said." "We provide our services by performing formal walk through inspections, sanitary walk throughs and all operational rations for the state of Arizona."

"We keep everyone one post safe from any type of food born illnesses," said Spc. Brandon Held, food inspection specialist. "We make sure that all the food is handled and stored properly."

"We also help out residential facilities on post as well," said Held. "If your food in your home goes bad due to refrigeration failure, there is some paperwork that can be filled out for possible reimbursement."



Photo by Spc. Marcus Butler

Spc. Brandon Held, veterinary food inspection specialist, inspects produce at the Thunderbird Dining Facility during a walk through of the building.

"As far as dealing with commercial establishments wanting to bring food on post, we provide sanitary auctions that will validate their services on post," said Fuller. "We do this by going to the commercial establishment and pulling samples of food and sending them to be tested."

"Our mission here is to keep everyone on post healthy and happy," said Held. "We will maintain a standard of excellence here on Fort Huachuca so that no one has to worry about where their food is coming from or the quality of the product they are receiving because our job is to take that worry away."

Water usage down for October

SCOUT REPORTS

The water pumpage for October is 38,567,000 gallons or 118 acre-feet and is equivalent to 1.2 million gallons per day.

The October 2004 pumpage is 6.3 percent less than that pumped in October 2003 (126 acre-feet) and is 40 percent less than the 22-year (1982-2003) October average (199 acre-feet).

Total water pumped year-to-date (January-October: 1,274 acre-feet) is 5.2 percent less than that pumped in 2003 (1,344 acre-feet).

No water was pumped during October at the U.S. Forest Service

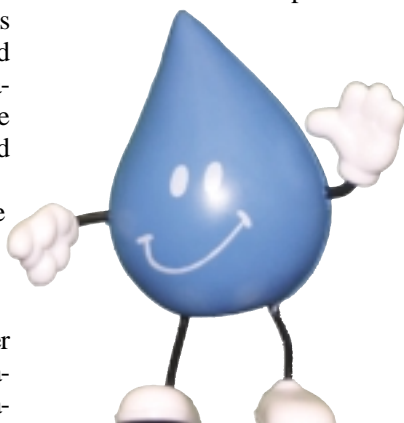
air tanker station on Libby Army Airfield. Year-to-date use at the tanker station is (January-October) is 103,168 gallons (0.32 acre-feet).

Treated effluent reuse for October 2004 was 37 acre-feet. This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer (a water and energy savings), to irrigate the golf course, Chaffee Parade Field and Prosser Village.

The total effluent delivered to the East Range Recharge Facility, year-to-date is 359 acre-feet (28 acre-feet delivered in October).

The lower water use in October is due to the continued aggressive water leak repairs; restricted outside wa-

tering policy; water conservation conversions with low flow fixtures and the efforts of the Water Wise Program and reduction of occupied quarters due to renovation/replacement.



DoD stresses troop support mail policy

SCOUT REPORTS

The Department of Defense announced today the continued suspension of the "Any Servicemember" mail program. Accordingly, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to service members during the holiday season.

During this time of the year, the number of donation programs increases and causes mail from families and friends to be mixed with mail from unknown sources resulting in delivery delays.

DoD continues to emphasize that names and addresses of

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Combined forces restore stability, order for Fallujah

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Iraqi forces and Multi-National Force-Iraq have wrested most of Fallujah from insurgent control, but operations are not over. Early Monday, combined forces continued to clear buildings and mosques of weapons and explosives stockpiled by insurgents and were beginning to restore stability and order for Fallujah's law-abiding citizens, reported the U.S. Central Command.

In the last 24 hours, Multi-National Force aircraft flew several close air support missions, attacking anti-Iraqi forces in numerous buildings throughout the city. Multi-National forces only take action against targets after credible intelligence and with extreme care to minimize harm to innocent people, CENTCOM officials said.

One mission early Nov. 15 attacked a bunker complex in the southernmost unpopulated section of Fallujah after Multi-National forces discovered an underground bunker and steel-reinforced tunnels.

The tunnels connected a ring of facilities filled with weapons, an anti-aircraft artillery gun, bunk beds, a truck and a suspected weapons cache.

As Iraqi and U.S. forces clear and secure neighbor-

hoods, they are seeking out those in need of medical care. This information is being relayed through loudspeaker, leaflets and face-to-face contact, officials said.

Medical assistance is being coordinated, and assessment teams have arrived. Fallujah General Hospital is available for use and its staff is ready and eager to treat patients, according to CENTCOM.

In addition, a second hospital in eastern Fallujah is seeing patients, and Multi-National forces have re-supplied the hospital with water and fuel. Ambulances and civilians have also been evacuated to other Iraqi medical facilities to provide the best possible care, officials said.

About 100 kilometers northeast of Fallujah, U.S. Soldiers in the city of Baqubah were attacked today by insurgents using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms.

U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division Soldiers were patrolling near the city's Mufrek traffic circle and police station when they came under fire, some of which came from a local mosque.

(Editor's note: Information provided by a U.S. Central Command news release and the American Forces Press Service.)



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Johancharles Van Boers

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, tactically enter and clear their objective in Fallujah.

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military service members must not be distributed by the media, Web sites, companies, non-profit organizations, schools and individuals for the purpose of collecting letters of support or donations for mailing to service

members.

Service members should receive mail only from those friends and family members to whom they personally give their address.

Military addresses should not

be passed around by family members for use by donation programs. Unknown mailers could then obtain those addresses and mail harmful items to service members.

For these reasons, DoD con-

tinues to indefinitely suspend general donation programs from unknown mailers.

Americans, who don't have loved ones deployed overseas, can still show support during the holidays by other means.

A list of these programs is available at www.defendamerica.mil.

To guarantee mail arrives in time for end of year holidays, family members are encouraged to view the mailing guidelines at www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/2004/pb22138.pdf.

Operators gain true grit, experience in FTX

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

After a night in the field staying alert for a possible enemy attack, honing of their skills and continuing the mission, class 05-001 of the Prophet Operators Course began day two of their field training exercise.

During day one of the FTX, the Soldiers trained on intercepting signals to find the location of the enemy. Using the "on the move" capability of the Prophet, once the signal is acquired, the target is continuously updated as the element gets closer to the target.

"With a continuous 24-hour mission, the Soldiers make sure they are prepared for anything that they may encounter," said Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lee, Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, senior instructor for class 05-001. "Along with security procedures, our primary focus is on our actual wartime mission of going out and deploying systems and running continuous operations on voice intercept and directional finding."

Day two of the FTX consisted of three situational training scenarios in which the students would have to react and make split second decisions while under fire.

The scenarios included reacting to an ambush with the road blocked by an obstacle, reacting under fire with a disabled vehicle and reacting to direct fire with no obstacle.

All three of the scenarios were situations where communication between the three elements about enemy contact and position were vital. "The FTX is set up so that it is student led," said Lee. "The students write their own operation orders and planning. The Soldiers like having the responsibility of knowing that if they failed then it was not an individual failure, but a team failure." Lee said.



Two students from Class 05-001 of the Prophet Operators Course establish a perimeter of the jump site during the second day of the FTX.

Lee added the same concept applies for when the team succeeds because, "then every single Soldier succeeds, they like reaping those rewards of that responsibility."

Each scenario had a central training point that the Soldiers focused on. During the first scenario, the Soldiers had to find a way to overcome the obstacle in front of them while defending themselves from enemy fire.

In the second scenario, one of the Humvees was disabled and the Soldiers had to retrieve injured personnel from the disabled vehicle while maintaining cover fire for the Soldiers receiving aid.

During the third scenario, the Soldiers had to react to enemy fire while in motion.

Also, during the FTX, the Soldiers practiced moving their operations from one site to another. Lee mentioned there are three possible scenarios in which the interceptors would move – if their position is compromised by the enemy, if they're probed and when they must follow the direction of the battle.

"Since this is a realistic battle situation, you can not plan to stay in one position the entire time, Lee said. "You have to change as the battle changes."

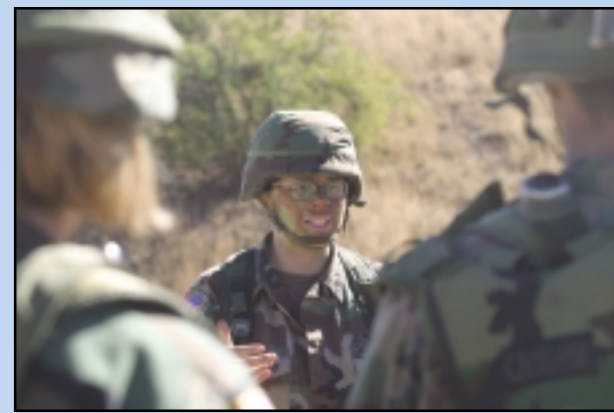
Lee emphasized that it is critical for all the Soldiers to train for standard.

"Even though Soldiers may get tired and stressed from being up for 24 hours, that is the kind of training they need," Lee said. "Train to the set standard and not to the standard of what the Soldiers think they can do; but instead train the Soldiers up to meet those goals."

"This is one of the best FTX I have been too," said Spc. Ronald Miller, Prophet Operators Course student. "This is by far the most realistic experience I have been involved in and the first opportunity to see the tactical side of 98G military occupational specialty," Miller said.

"I was really excited about the training we received," said Spc. Jennifer Buttermore, Class 05-001 student. "The FTX really helped my confidence. The NCOs have been incredible and provided a real life experience."

"Having qualified instructors out here helped us to keep the mission going. I am just really thankful for the



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lee, senior instructor for the Prophet Operators Course Class 05-001 is conducting an after action report after a simulated ambush during day two of the FTX.

training I received from this FTX."

At the conclusion of the training, Lee was proud to see the progress of the Soldiers as they improved their survival skills and learned how to accomplish their assigned missions.

"The motivation level of the Soldiers during the FTX was really inspiring," said Lee. "That is one of the more rewarding feelings. Giving the Soldiers what they need to survive and accomplishing their mission is priority number one. That is what this training is all about."



Class 05-001 of the Prophet Operators Course is evaluating the scenario after being attacked by a simulated improvised explosive device during day two of the FTX.



Sgt. Brian Gibson is keeping watch over the perimeter of a new net communication site during the second day of the FTX.

Photos by Spc. Marcus Butler

Farwell Ceremony

There will be a Farwell and Retirement ceremony for Brig. Gen. Warner V. Sumpter, Acting Commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. The event will be held Fri. at Brown Parade Field.

The Community is welcome to come.

Adopt a Soldier

The 111th Military Intelligence Brigade is hosting its 16th annual Adopt a Soldier Program for initial entry Soldiers.

This program connects Soldiers and military

Thanksgiving Day Feast

The Thunderbird Dining Facility is having a Thanksgiving Day dinner on Nov. 24 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

The cost is \$5.40 per person at the standard rate and \$4.60 per person at the discount rate.



The menu includes:

Gazed Cornish hens
glazed ham
steamship round
roast turkey
shrimp cocktail
macaroni and cheese
candied sweet potatoes
mashed potatoes
cornbread dressing
savory bread dressing
green beans almandine

calico corn
turkey gravy
cranberry sauce
corn bread/rolls
German tomato salad
Ambrosia salad
potato salad
macaroni salad
assorted pie/cakes
assorted fruits
egg nog.

**For more information,
Call Sgt. 1st Class Brian Weaver at
533-2005.**

servicemembers with families within the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista community who would be willing to host them for a home cooked Thanksgiving Dinner.

The 111th MI Bde. will also host a "Get acquainted party" on Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Yardley Dining Facility to introduce Soldiers to their host families prior to Thanksgiving.

To volunteer to host a Soldier, contact Chaplain (Maj.) David Scharff or Spc. Luis Moro at 533-8774/538-1252 to participate.

Office closures

The Housing Division will be closed Thanksgiving Day and 26 and will re-open for normal office hours of 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Nov. 29.

The Passport office and the Adjutant General Directorate will be closed Nov. 26 due to the training holiday.

The CPAC will be closed Nov. 26, due to the training holiday and reopen Nov. 29.

For more information, call Tom O'Brien at 533-2543.

The Passport office and the Adjutant General Directorate will be closed Nov. 26 due to the training holiday.

For more information, call Nina Sanchez at 533-5010.

The Thanksgiving Day Administration Office will be closed on Nov. 25. AT&T Cyber Zone will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

The Main Store on Nov. 24 will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed on Thanksgiving Day and opened from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Nov. 26.

The Barber Shop-Mini Mall, Barber Shop Main Store, Furn/ODL, Enterprise, Laundry & Dry Cleaner MCSS, Beauty Shop, MCSS, Laundry, Dry Cleaner, Alteration, Cochise Theater, Flower Shop, GNC, Optical Shop, Barber Shop Greely Hall, UPS Store, Xtreme Franks, Shoppette/Class 6, Main Gate Shoppette, Taco Johns, and the Barracks Phone Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

Burger King will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, and open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. /DT 6 p.m. on Nov. 26-28.

Launderette will be open from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Greely Hall Diner, JITC Cafeteria, Mobil will be closed on Nov. 25-26.

Anthony's Pizza will be open on Wed. from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Chaplain's Corner

New Episcopal service

The main post chapel is inviting patrons to attend the new Episcopal Church service Sundays at 8 a.m. The congregation will feature monthly breakfast, fellowship and is open to all denominations.

This service hopes to meet the needs of the Fort Huachuca community by offering a liturgical service.

For more information call Chaplain (Maj.) Bob Neske at 538-7379.

Contemporary service

Announcing a chapel service for the "Blue Jeans" crowd. This is a Contemporary worship service 11:00 a.m. Sunday at Cochise Theater.

This is a come-as-you-are worship opportunity with a contemporary flare. Enjoy live Christian music with a modern beat in a friendly informal setting. Come prepared to participate in worship.

Robin Hood Deli will be open on Wed. from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., closed on Thanksgiving Day and open on Nov. 26-27 from 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Regimental Food Court-Popeye's, Regimental Food Court-Anthony's will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and opened on Nov. 26-27 from noon-6 p.m. and from 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. on Nov. 28.

Baskin Robins will be opened on Wed. and closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Regimental Food Court-Franks's Cart will be closed on Nov. 25-28.

Regimental Retail Store will be open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

AFTB Level I classes offered

Army Family Team Building will offer AFTB Level I classes 5:30 - 9 p.m., Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 7, at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

AFTB Level I, also known as "Army 101" provides an introduction to Army life.

For more information or to register, call Army Community Service at 533-2330 or 533-3686.

Range Closures

Thursday - No Closures

Friday - No Closures

Saturday - T1, T1A, T2

Sunday - No Closures

Monday - AM, AR

Tuesday - AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2

Wednesday - AH, AK, AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2

For more information on Range Closures contact Range Control 533-7095. Closures subject to change.

Holiday tour of Homes

The annual Holiday Tour of Homes will take place Dec. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the Fort Huachuca Museum, the MWR box office, and the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club and all proceeds will go to charity and scholarships.

For more information contact Mary Obermiller at 459-7678.

For more information contact Chaplain McFarland at 533-4911, Chaplain Leideritz at 533-6570, or Chaplain Zenger at 533-9507.

Chapel Giving Tree Program

The Fort Huachuca chapel community is sponsoring the Community Giving Tree. The purpose is to provide gifts to the needy children of our military community during the holiday season.

"Giving Trees" are now up at both the PX and in Greely Hall. Volunteers are at the PX from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. NETCOM chaplains' office has the Greely Hall tree. Call the NETCOM Chaplain for donor ornaments at 538-6977.

Gift donors are encouraged to take an ornament, purchase the designated gift for the child, and return it unwrapped to the PX or Main Post Chapel before Dec. 3. Help make a child have a bright smile at the holidays. For more information, call Jo Moore, 533-4748.

MISSION, from Page 4

search shows that if you quit smoking before your child reaches third grade you can reduce the risks of him or her becoming a smoker by as much as 40 percent.

While working with the tobacco-cessation program, I have found the number-one reason for smoking is stress. Smoking increases the body stress level. Smoking relieves stress because you are taking a break from the situation or activity and you are breathing deeply. This can be done without using smoking as a means.

It is never too late to quit smoking. The benefits of quitting start as soon as 20 minutes after you quit, resulting in your blood pressure and pulse returning to normal, but these benefits are lost by smoking as little as one cigarette a day.

If you are interested in quitting smoking, contact your Community Health Nursing office for an appointment and class enrollment.

(Editor's note: West is the Community Health Nurse at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, Texas.)

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levels.

Within eight hours, carbon monoxide levels return to normal in your blood stream. Oxygen levels also increase back to normal.

Within 24 hours, your chance of a heart attack decreases.

Within 48 hours, nerve endings start regrowing, and your sense of taste and smell improve.

Within 72 hours bronchial tubes relax, making breathing easier. Lung capacity increases a little, too.

By two weeks to three months, circulation improves. Walk-

ing becomes easier, and lung function increases up to 30 percent.

By one to nine months, coughing, sinus infections, fatigue, and shortness of breath decrease markedly. Cilia regrow in the lungs, increasing the ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs, and reduce the risk of infection. Your energy level will also increase.

For more information about how you can take advantage of these wonderful effects, make plans to come in and see your doctor about a strategy for quitting right away.

(Editor's note: Johnson is assigned to the Munson Army Community Hospital, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.)

BENEFITS, from Page 5

that matches your contributions on a \$2 for \$1 basis. This benefit may be used for:

- Degree and certificate programs.
- Flight training.
- Apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses.
- Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

Am I eligible for VEAP?

You qualify if:

- You entered service for the first time between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985;
- You opened a contribution account before April 1, 1987;
- You voluntarily contributed from \$25 to \$2700;

• You completed your first period of service;

• You were discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

How do I apply for my GI Bill benefits?

Follow these steps to apply for all GI Bill programs:

1. Verify the school and the program are covered.
2. Complete VA Form 22-1990, and submit it to the school's VA certifying official (usually the registrar) for verification.
3. The school official will complete VA Form 1999 and submit both VA 1990 and VA 1999 forms to the applicable VA Re-

gional office.

If you have not yet selected a school, simply complete VA form 1990 and submit your application to your VA regional office. Contact the VA directly to determine if a school, university, trade school or certificate program is approved for the GI Bill.

When do my benefits expire?

All GI Bill programs expire 10 years after your date of last discharge. This means that any active duty service (90 days or more) during that 10-year period will reset your 10-year limit.

For more information on education programs including "Top-Up" and "Buy-Up," visit your Education Office as well as www.military.com/education.



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

General interest

Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace, commanding general for the Combined Arms Center, U.S. Training and Doctrine Command, at Fort Leavenworth, Texas, visited Company E, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion Soldiers during a field training exercise.

WOMEN from Page 3

American women served in mixed anti-aircraft batteries as well as many other close-to-combat jobs. The unsupportive American people, who couldn't bear the thought of their women dying in war, were largely unaware of the female role in combat at the time.

Somehow the concept of hundreds of boys dying on foreign soil is tolerable, but the thought of a female dying as a hero for her country is unfathomable.

Countries like the Soviet Union supported their women's choices to become tankers, bombers and snipers while countries like Germany were disgusted by the Soviet women's choices and would kill them if captured.

We should support our female Soldiers' choices to be on the front lines defending freedom. If they can run,

If they can run, ruck and fire...why shouldn't they be allowed to fight...

Spc. Joy Pariente

ruck and fire their rifle to the standards required of males, why shouldn't they be allowed to fight along side the males.

I don't think the Army should stop at integrating females into the support group of traditionally male units. I'd rather have a female expert firer on the front line than a male who just qualified as a marksman.

Combat capability should not be judged on the basis of gender, but on the Soldiers abilities that are pertinent to the task.

Army lends

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SCOUT STAFF

Swarms of Soldiers from Louisiana, Alabama and New York converged upon the Mexican border for a month long stay in sunny Arizona. They weren't en route to San Carlos or Rocky Point, but rather they were deployed to Arizona to perform construction missions along the border line in support of the U.S. Border Patrol.

The 46th Engineer Battalion (Task Force Steel Spike) with Soldiers out of Fort Polk and Fort Rutger, the 642nd Engineer Battalion from Fort Drum and the 488th Quartermaster Battalion, also from Fort Polk, joined forces to construct low water crossing areas, bollard fences and replacing fence lighting along the Mexican border in the towns of Douglas and Naco.

The units arrival in Arizona is part of a training deployment, said Maj. Robert Bozic, commander of Task Force Steel Spike. The Soldiers don't get

to work large scale construction missions at their home bases, Bozic explained, so when the opportunity arises to get out in the field and do their jobs, they take advantage of it. In fact, when the tasking request came down from Joint Task Force North, the 46th Engineers volunteered for it, Bozic said.

The Soldiers get to train on some of their mission essential tasks, Bozic said, while the Border Patrol gets much needed construction assistance.

"This is a win-win operation," said Armando Carrasco, Joint Task Force North Public Affairs Officer. "Law enforcement gets support that they would not otherwise receive and the military gains training that is directly related to the unit's military mission."

"We have just enough agents to do their jobs [patrolling]," said Agent Jason Schad, U.S. Border Patrol. "The military coming to help is a God send. I don't think the Border Patrol could do [this construction mission] without them."



Ground guides are necessary to keep the large pieces of equipment

Photos by Spc. Joy Pariente

Soldiers from the 46th Engineer Battalion used heavy machinery to help the U.S. Border Patrol through a series of construction projects meant to better the borderline.

s hand to Border Patrol



"The infrastructure being built right now is a must to assist in Border Patrol missions including drug trafficking, illegal entry and terrorism protection," Schad explained.

The Soldiers' construction projects included low water crossings which are concrete pads designed to give Border Patrol a sturdy, dry area to cross over during pursuits in rainy weather. Also, they constructed sections of bollard fence which is made of posts placed close enough together that people can't pass through it, but the area on the other side

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**Agent Jason Schad,
U.S. Border Patrol**

of the fence is clearly visible, Bozic said.

The engineers worked closely with the Border Patrol in only planning the mission, but executing it as well. All supplies and equipment for the construction projects were provided by the Border Patrol. Also, the Border Patrol assisted in force protection and security at both the base camp and the construction sites.

"Border Patrol was there everyday as a means of force protection," Bozic said. "We had a great link up with Border Patrol throughout the mission."

It also provided the Soldiers with a more realistic force protection training environment, Bozic said.

Assisting the engineers throughout the deployment was the 488th Quartermasters who are the only active duty force provider unit in the Army, said Staff Sgt. Freddie Brounda, base camp noncommissioned officer in charge. The mission of the quartermasters is to provide base camp support for the 46th Engineers, Brounda explained. The 488th provides laundry and



The mountains of Mexico peek over the new section of bollard fence erected by the 46th Engineers.

shower services, a dining facility and a Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent with television and gym. They also set up the entire camp before the engineers ever arrived, Brounda said.

"We have provided all necessary commodities for Soldiers

to live comfortably," said Pfc. Artec Davtian, a water purification specialist with the 488th. "This lets them do their jobs without worrying about daily necessities."

The units packed up and moved out on Nov. 5 to hop a C-

130 back to their respective posts. "This was a nice change of pace from garrison," said Spc. John McCarthy, 48th Engineers. "We got to spend time with our peers and do our jobs instead of staying back doing the same things at garrison."



nt out of holes and ditches.



Midway through the unit's one month tour, a large portion of their work was washed away by an unseasonable downpour. "It wasn't a good feeling seeing all the work we've done over the last few days washed away," said Sgt. Mike Ozerajtys. The rear tractor above is pushing the front tractor out of a mucky, muddy mess.

Ultimate sacrifice made in war on terror

Lance Cpl. Bradley L. Parker, 19, of Marion, W.V., died Monday as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Cpl. Dale A. Burger Jr., 21, of Port Deposit, Md. and **Cpl. Andres H. Perez**, 21, of Santa Cruz, Calif. died Sunday as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They both were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. Nicholas L. Ziolkowski, 22, of Towson, Md. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Benjamin S. Bryan, 23, of Lumberton, N.C., **Lance Cpl. Victor R. Lu**, 22, of Los Angeles, Calif. and **Lance Cpl. Justin D. McLeese**, 19, of Covington, La. died Nov. 13 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Bryan and McLeese were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Lu was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Capt. Sean P. Sims, 32, of El Paso, Texas, died Saturday in Fallujah, Iraq, when his unit received small arms fire while clearing a building. Sims was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

Spc. Jose A. Velez, 23, of Lubbock, Texas, died Saturday in Fallujah, Iraq, while clearing an enemy strongpoint when his unit came under fire. Velez was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Byron W. Norwood, 25, of Pflugerville, Texas, died Saturday as result of enemy action in Al Anbar province, Iraq. Norwood was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Justin M. Ellsworth, 20, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., died Saturday as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Ellsworth was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. Kevin J. Dempsey, 23, of Monroe, Conn., died Saturday due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Dempsey was assigned to 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. David M. Branning, 21, of Cockesville, Md. and **Lance Cpl. Brian A. Medina**, 20, of Woodbridge, Va. died Friday as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They both were assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Sgt. James C. Matteson, 23, of Celoron, N.Y., died Friday in Fallujah, Iraq, when a rocket-propelled grenade struck his Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Matteson was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

Lance Cpl. Nicholas H. Anderson, 19, of Las Vegas, Nev., died Friday in a vehicle incident while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Anderson was assigned to 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expe-

ditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

1st Lt. Edward D. Iwan, 28, of Albion, Neb., died Friday in Fallujah, Iraq, when a rocket-propelled grenade struck his Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Iwan was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

Sgt. Jonathan B. Shields, 25, of Atlanta, Ga., died Friday in Fallujah, Iraq, when he was accidentally struck by a tank. Shields was assigned to the Army's 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment (Armor), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Spc. Raymond L. White, 22, of Elwood, Ind., died Friday in Baghdad, Iraq, when his patrol encountered enemy forces using small arms fire. White was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment (Armor), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Cpl. Nathan R. Anderson, 22, of Howard, Ohio, died Friday as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Anderson was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Cpl. Brian P. Prening, 24, of Sheboygan, Wis., died Friday as result of enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. Prening was assigned to Marine Corps Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Chicago, Ill.

Cpl. Jarrod L. Maher, 21, of Imogene, Iowa, died Friday as result of a non-hostile gunshot wound at Abu Ghraib, Iraq. Maher was assigned to 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Maher's death is under investigation.

Sgt. Morgan W. Strader, 23, of Croosville, Ind., died Friday as result of enemy action in Al Anbar province, Iraq. Strader was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

2nd Lt. James P. Blecksmith, 24, of San Marino, Calif. and **Lance Cpl. Kyle W. Burns**, 20, of Laramie, Wyo. died Nov. 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Blecksmith was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Burns was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Theodore S. Holder II, 27, of Littleton, Colo., died Nov. 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. Theodore A. Bowling, 25, of Casselberry, Fla., died Nov. 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Sean P. Huey, 28, of Fredericktown, Pa., died Nov. 11 in Habbaniyah, Iraq, when his unit was on patrol and a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV. Huey was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.

Spc. Thomas K. Doerflinger, 20, of Silver Spring, Md., died Nov. 11 in Mosul, Iraq, when his unit received small arms fire while conducting combat operations. Doerflinger was assigned to 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Cpl. Peter J. Giannopoulos, 22, of Inverness, Ill., died Nov. 11 as a result of enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Corps Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Chicago, Ill.

Lance Cpl. Justin D. Reppuhn, 20, of Hemlock, Mich., died Nov. 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Michael C. Ottolini, 45, of Sebastopol, Calif., died Nov. 10 in Balad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his up-armored HMMWV. Ottolini was assigned to the Army National Guard's 579th Engineer Battalion, Petaluma, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Wesley J. Canning, 21, of Friendswood, Texas, died Nov. 10 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Canning was assigned to 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Cpl. Romulo J. Jimenez II, 21, of Miami, Fla., died Nov. 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Petty Officer Third Class Julian Woods, 22, of Jacksonville, Fla., died Nov. 10 as a result of hostile fire in Fallujah, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Marine Division Detachment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaheohe Bay, Hawaii.

Pfc. Dennis J. Miller, Jr., 21, of La Salle, Mich., died Nov. 10 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when his unit came under enemy attack and a rocket-propelled grenade struck his M1A1 Abrams tank. Miller was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea.

Lance Cpl. Aaron C. Pickering, 20, of Marion, Ill., died Nov. 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Staff Sgt. Gene Ramirez, 28, of San Antonio, Texas, died Nov. 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

1st Lt. Dan T. Malcom Jr., 25, of Brinson, Ga., died Nov. 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Erick J. Hodges, 21, of Bay Point, Calif., died Nov. 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Abraham Simpson, 19, Chino, Calif., died Nov. 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. David M. Caruso, 25, of Naperville, Ill., died Nov. 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell, 38, of West Bend, Wis., died Nov. 9 in Fallujah, Iraq, when his unit was conducting house-to-house combat operations and they were attacked by enemy forces using rocket-propelled grenades.

Cornell was assigned to the Army Reserve's 1st Battalion, 339th Regiment, 7th Brigade, 84th Division, Fraser, Mich.

Maj. Horst G. Moore, 38, of San Antonio, Texas,

died Nov. 9 in Mosul, Iraq, when enemy mortar rounds detonated within his unit living area. Moore was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Spc. Travis A. Babbitt, 24, of Uvalde, Texas, died Nov. 9 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his patrol was attacked by enemy forces using a rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire. Babbitt was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. John B. Trotter, 25, of Marble Falls, Texas, died Nov. 9 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when he was on patrol and his unit came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Trotter was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea.

Cpl. William C. James, 24, of Huntington Beach, Calif., **Lance Cpl. Nicholas D. Larson**, 19, of Wheaton, Ill. and **Lance Cpl. Nathan R. Wood**, 19, of Kirkland, Wash. died Nov. 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Todd R. Cornell, 38, of West Bend, Wis., died November 9 in Fallujah, Iraq, when acting in an advisory support capacity and his Iraqi unit came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Cornell was assigned to the Army Reserve's 1st Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment, Fraser, Mich.

Staff Sgt. Russell L. Slay, 28, of Humble, Texas, died Nov. 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Juan E. Segura, 26, of Homestead, Fla., died Nov. 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Lonny D. Wells, 29, of Vandergrift, Pa., died Nov. 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Command Sgt. Maj. Steven W. Faulkenburg, 45, of Huntingburg, Ind., died Nov. 9 in Fallujah, Iraq, when he came under small arms fire while conducting combat operations. Faulkenburg was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Master Sgt. Steven E. Auchman, 37, of Waterloo, N.Y., died Nov. 9 from injuries received when multiple rocket propelled grenades struck his location in Mosul, Iraq. He was assigned to the 5th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Cpl. Robert P. Warns II, 23, of Waukesha, Wis., died Nov. 8 as a result of enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Chicago, Ill.

Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Zapp, 20, of Houston, Texas, died Nov. 8 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. Joshua D. Palmer, 24, of Blandinsville, Ill., died Nov. 8 as a result of a non-hostile vehicle incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, headquartered in Portland, Ore.

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Nestled in the foothills of the beautiful Huachuca Mountains, Buffalo Corral Riding Stable offers a scenic and historic backdrop for a great variety of riding experiences including trail rides, open riding, riding lessons, birthday parties, overnight rides, horse leasing, holiday rides and lead-arounds.

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sons are offered for all skill levels. The corral can set up a trail ride to your specifications. You can plan a two-hour ride, a day-long ride or an overnight ride. The overnight rides come complete with steak dinner and a cowboy breakfast, served at your campsite.

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day. No horses are allowed out after 3:45 p.m., and all horses must be back by 4 p.m.

Guided weekend trail rides are offered 9 - 11 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

Registration and pre-payment are required at least 24 hours in advance. Reservations for trail rides can be held with a credit card.

Because of the holiday parade in downtown Sierra Vista, Buffalo Corral will be closed Dec. 4.

For more information on the Buffalo Corral including pricing, call 533-5220.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

November special at MWR Rents

MWR Rents will offer a special price on the rental of any 14 or 16 foot boat during November. The price to rent either size boat is \$15 per day or \$22.50 for a weekend. For more information, call 533-6707.

Thanksgiving holiday hours, closures

MWR facilities and offices have announced special hours and closures for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

The following facilities will be open special hours Wednesday: Youth Services, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Barnes Pool and Barnes Field House, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The following MWR facilities and offices will be closed Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day: MWR Administrative Offices, Building 22214, including NAF Human Resources; MWR Box Office; Barnes Field House; Eifler Fitness Center; Buffalo Corral; Barnes Pool; MWR Rents; Jeannie's Diner; Desert Lanes; Thunder Mountain Activity Centre; Army Community Service; Child and Youth Services Outreach and Central Registration Offices; School Age Services; Family Child Care Office; New Beginnings Child Development Center; Youth Services; MWR Arts Center; bingo at LakeSide Activity Centre; MWR Marketing Services; and the Sportsman's Center.

Mountain View Golf Course will be open Thanksgiving Day, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The golf course will be open regular hours Nov. 26.

The following facilities will be closed Nov. 26: MWR Administrative Offices, Building 22214, including NAF Human Resources; MWR Box Office, Barnes Field House, Buffalo Corral; Barnes Pool, Eifler Fitness Center; MWR Rents, Thunder Mountain Activity Centre; MWR Marketing Services; Army Community Service; Child and Youth Services Outreach and Central Registration Offices; Family Child Care Office; School Age Services; New Beginnings Child Development Center; MWR Arts Center and the Sportsman's Center.

November 26, the following facilities will be open special hours: Youth Services will be open 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., for registered middle school and teen youth; Jeannie's Diner, 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.; Desert Lanes, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.; and Barnes

Field House, open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Youth Center will be open 6 a.m. - 10 p.m., Nov. 27, for registered middle school and teen youth. Eifler Fitness Center and Barnes Pool will be closed Nov. 27 and 28.

Time Out will be open regular hours, 9 p.m. - 4 a.m., Nov. 26 and 27.

'Rock the Fort' December 1 at BFH

MWR will present a rock concert, featuring three bands, at 6 p.m., Dec. 1 at Barnes Field House. The show will be free of charge to all Soldiers, their families, and other authorized MWR patrons.

For anyone who wishes to attend, but does not have a Military ID, the cost will be \$5 at the door. No advance tickets will be sold.

Headlining the show will be southern California pop-rock quartet, "Jupiter Sunrise." Their first national release, "Under a Killer Blue Sky," is in stores now.

"From the Ashes," winners of the best rock band category, and second place, overall, in the Department of the Army 2004 Battle of the Bands.

Also performing will be "Ethos," the 36th Army punk/rock band. Watch next week's Scout for more information.

New classes at Arts Center

MWR Arts Center will offer a class in stained glass, Dec. 1, 8 and 15. This class teaches the student how to cut foil and solder stained glass into items such as a sun catcher, picture frame, mirror and more. The class is taught by Jay Anderson.

Cost is \$75 and all materials are included. The holidays are just around the corner and stained glass items make unique and unusual gifts.

A class which teaches the student how to weave pine needles into a basket will be offered 3 - 5 p.m., Dec. 6, 8, 10 and 13. The cost of the class is \$49.95 and includes all materials.

A combined pottery, sculpting and raku class will be held 6 - 8 p.m., Dec. 7, 10, 13 and 17. Cost of this class is \$55 and includes 25 pounds of clay, glazes, firing and extra time to practice.

For more information or to register for these classes, call 533-2015 or stop by the MWR Arts Center, located on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary.

Arts Center accepting applications

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the MWR Arts Center's Winter Arts and Crafts Fair to be held 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Dec. 4 in Building 52008 on Arizona Street.

Local artists are invited to come and sell their crafts and works of art. Everything must be handcrafted by the artists.

Applications are available at the Arts Center. Entry fee is \$25 per space. Spaces will be given on a first-come basis.

For more information, stop by the MWR Arts Center or call 533-2015 and ask for Ricardo Alonzo or Ulrike Tarquinio.

MWR Box Office

Now is the time to plan your holiday vacation. The Box Office can make hotel reservations, get attraction tickets, offer you travel ideas and save you money. During the holiday season, hotel rooms can be difficult to find, and the rates usually increase, so make your reservations now for the best deals.

Offers available at the MWR Box Office include:

- The 2005 Entertainment Book, which includes restaurant, shopping, service, sports, attractions and movie tickets.
- Tickets for events at the Tucson Convention Center, including: Nov. 23 -28, "Peter Pan;" Nov. 30, Warren Miller's "Impact;" Tucson Ice Cats Hockey games during November; and Dec. 3, 4 and 5, "A Southwest Nutcracker;" and Jan 11, 2005, "Stars On Ice." Tickets for all TCC events may be purchased 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., only.

• The Tucson Attractions Passport, filled with two-for-one offers and discounts towards Tucson's attractions, museums and shopping - savings of over \$250. With Christmas coming up, some of these items make great stocking stuffers!

Call 533-2404 for more information or drop by the MWR Box Office located in Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary.

They're open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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The Scout TimeOut



Movies

Ladder 49 plays at 7 p.m. today at Cochise Theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 28.

Benchers squelch Fireballs

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

There was such a distinct contrast between the under six and under 10 soccer players on Stone Field Tuesday night. The younger players were flocking toward the ball as a team with no regard for tactics or scoring. The older players, while still using similar teamwork skills, utilized strategy and soccer basic skills to make an impressive showing.

On the under 10 side, the Fort Huachuca Benchers smoked the 95 Fireballs five to zero.

The Fireballs, who are currently 0-8, played most of the game down one player after an injury. There were also



no substitutes for the team due to a school function on post which many of the players were involved in.

Coach William Benning Jr. said he's been working with the Fireballs on basics, since it's the first year of playing soccer for many of his team members. "I'm teaching them the basics, like learning how to pass properly. And we're learning teamwork, how to work as one person," he said.

"We're learning to kick in the goal and how to pass the ball back and forth," said Fireballs Goalie Savanna Elliott.

According to Benchers coach Laurence Pierre, his team has been focusing on basic dribbling and passing and confidence with the ball.

The Benchers scored all five of their goals in the first half against Elliott. When William Benning III took over the net, no goals were scored. Meanwhile, the Benchers goalie was getting lonely, since the Fireballs rarely made it anywhere near the goal.

The Fireballs defense exploded during their attempts to keep the Benchers from scoring. Both teams showed incredible competitiveness and endurance encouraged by devoted parents and coaches.

By the beginning of the second half, the exhausted Fireballs were petering out.

The coaches agreed that all that matters is that both teams made a great showing. The under 10 league is still considered a developmental league, Pierre said, and it's still all about the players going out there and having fun.



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

Savanna Elliott gets the ball out of the box during under 10 soccer action Tuesday night.

504th Ten-Miler team makes strong showing

BY CAPT. BILL KNOTT
11TH SIGNAL BRIGADE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Everyday you hear about someone "going the extra mile." For a team of 504th Signal Battalion Soldiers it meant going

the extra ten miles, despite the quick operational Tempo (OPTEMPO) of the unit.

The Soldiers formed a running team which competed in the Army Ten-Miler competition held Oct. 24 at Washington D.C.



Photo by Spc. Lorie Jewell

Thousands of runners withstood rain and temperatures in the 40s for the annual Army Ten-Miler Oct. 24, a kickoff for the annual Association of the United States Army meeting in Washington, D.C.

The team consisted of 2nd Lt. Donald Pratt, Spc. Joshua Strawmyer, Spc. Robert Stewart, 2nd Lt. Jennifer Fazio, Spc. Jeremy Carmona, Spc. Jaime Gonzalez, and Sgt. 1st Class Walter Herrin. All the team members are from the 269th Signal Company, except Herrin who is in the 69th Signal Company.

The team placed 21st out of 102 teams in the Active Military Mixed (Women and Men) Category and they were the 141st overall out of 570 teams that competed in the Annual Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 24, in Washington, D.C.

The genesis of the idea came from a field training exercise in July. Pratt and Herrin were trying to come up with ways to improve the PT program when they came up with the idea for a ten-miler team. They ran it up the chain of command and got a lot of support according to Pratt.

The short time before the race in October didn't give them

a lot of time.

"To get ready for any distance race, you need six months to get in top shape," said Pratt. "We only had half the time."

Pratt and his team members made the most of available time. "[We] did 3-4 practices a week and ran 35-40 miles a week," Pratt said. "We would do all sorts of runs. We would run out to the North Gate and back from the battalion area, or we would use hills, like Reservoir Hill and Heritage Hill."

Time wasn't the only difficulty. The high OPTEMPO of the unit also took its toll. "There were times when we couldn't practice. The mission comes first. Sometimes there were only 1 or 2 people and it was difficult to keep sharp," Pratt said.

There was also the additional time to put in, "the most difficult part was coming in and practicing on the weekends, putting forth the extra effort to do as well as we could," said Carmona.

The work was well worth it as Strawmyer added, "Hopefully our good showing would garner more support for next year's run."

Fazio, who had competed in 2000 Army Ten-Miler, and was the only female on the team said, "I would do it again. I had done it before and knew what to expect."

The Army Ten-Miler Competition is run every year in October and traditionally coincides with the Association of the United States Army Convention held in Washington, D.C. The start point is at the Pentagon. The route crosses the Potomac, goes by the Tidal Basin, loops at the Capitol and heads back to the Pentagon.

For information on entering, sponsoring or volunteering for the Army Ten-Miler, call the Army Ten-Miler office at 202-685-3361 (DSN 325 for military) or check out the Web site at www.ArmyTenMiler.com.



George Timmons, with the Order of the Purple Heart, talks with Buena JROTC Master Sgt. Greg Roberts before the parade.



From left, Marcus Guardaído, 7, Seleste Guardaído, 5, and Ezmeralda Perez, 4, wave American flags as the parade passes them.



A view of a large group of people preparing for the parade can be seen in a 36th Army Band member's instrument.

Vetshonored

SCOUT REPORTS

Members of the Sierra Vista community converged along Fry Boulevard and Veterans Park Monday to render honor to the nation's servicemembers during Sierra Vista's 10th Annual Veterans Day parade.

Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines represented Fort Huachuca during the parade.

Several veteran's organizations such as the Military Order of the Purple Heart and Buena High School's Marching Band and ROTC also participated.

The marchers started at the corner of Fry and 7th Street and concluded at Veterans Park where a ceremony was held. The parade's Grand Marshall was retired Marine Master Sgt.

Jack Davis.

Col. Jonathan Hunter, U.S. Army Garrison commander, praised all the men and women who have served in uniform as one of the keynote speakers during a ceremony following the parade.

The event concluded with a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps" by the 36th U.S. Army Band.



11th Signal Brigade Soldiers march down Fry Boulevard as part of the Veteran's Day parade Nov. 11. The parade brought a crowd of spectators lined all the way down the street.

Schumacher sets season record, up for driver of year

BY CHRIS DORATO
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

U.S. Army Top Fuel driver Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher captured the Auto Club of Southern California Finals Nov. 14 at Pomona Raceway and in the process set the Top Fuel single-season win record.

In Pomona's Pro Stock Bike final, the Army's Angelle Savoie took first place, beating teammate Antron Brown who came in second.

Schumacher, who came into the season finale having already clinched the 2004 NHRA POWERade Top Fuel world championship, was looking to set the new mark for most Top Fuel wins in a single season — 10. He did. And he's also in the running now for Speed Channel's Driver of the Year award for the fourth quarter.

Fans can vote for Schumacher at www.speedtv.com

Other nominated drivers include NASCAR's Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jimmie Johnson, along with Sebastien Bourdais of Champ Cars and

Tony Kanaan of the Indy Racing League.

The award for this quarter will be determined by an 18-member panel of blue-ribbon auto racing journalists and one vote based on the cumulative tally of fans' voting, said Barry Schmoyer of the Speed Channel.

The panelists have their quarterly vote Nov. 24, and Schmoyer said the fan vote will close soon after.

In Pomona, Schumacher ran off a string of sub-4.50 second passes in the opening three rounds to beat John Smith, David Grubnic and David Baca before leveling Morgan Lucas in the finals for the event win.

"Mission accomplished," said an elated Schumacher afterward. "What a way to end the season. Once again, this is an example of just how good this U.S. Army team is. We wanted this record in the worst way. We just went out and took it. We wouldn't be denied."

It was the 13th final for Schumacher in 23 races this season. It was also his 21st win in 44 career final rounds.

"This was such an unbelievable year," he added. "You couldn't have drawn this up any better than it played out. Obviously, we're already looking forward to 2005."

In the Pro Stock Bike competition, Savoie and Brown staged a final-round duel for the third time this year. And for the third time Savoie was victorious.

"I guess I have Antron's number or something," said Savoie after posting a blistering 7.036-second pass at 188.04 mph in the finals. "I'm just so happy for the team and the U.S. Army. We've had quite a season, overall, and this was a fine way to finish it out."

With her 35th career victory, Savoie moved around Brown in the final Pro Stock Bike standings to finish second. She recorded the most wins (four) in the Pro Stock Bike class for the season.

"Angelle deserved this win," said Brown. "I feel the same way as she does. This was such a terrific year for our team. I'm definitely looking forward to next year."

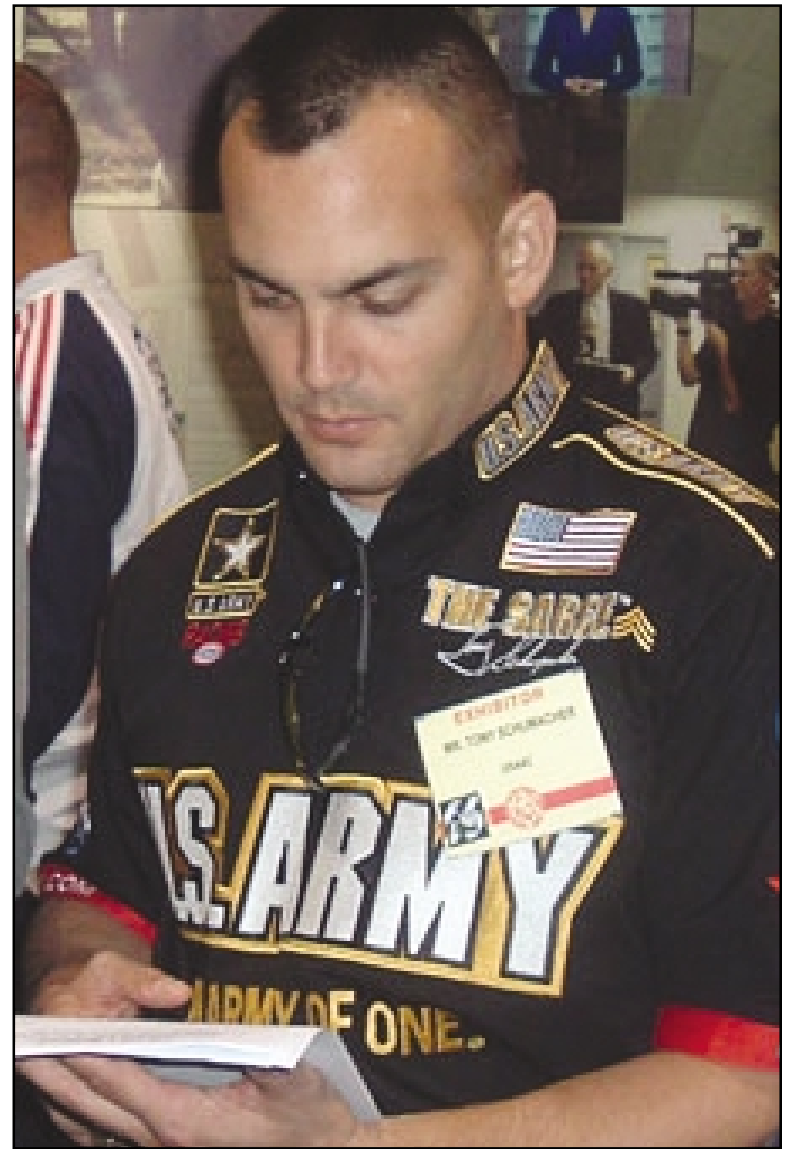


Photo by Maj. Dean Thurmond

Tony "the Sarge" Schumacher examines a document while taking a break from greeting fans at the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting Oct. 26. Fans can vote him driver of the year at www.speedtv.com

Holiday Spirit

K'moni Farrow, 7, designs a Christmas card at Johnston Elementary School Tuesday night. The school had booths and classrooms set up with international winter holiday crafts and information. The Christmas cards were at England's Jolly Card Shoppe. Other countries featured included Mexico, Africa and Japan.



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

EArmyU

Electronic Army University is now available to enlisted Soldiers. Soldiers can begin or complete their college degree taking online courses. Two different options available. For more information, call the eArmyU representative at 533-1019 or a counselor at 533-3010.

Craft fair

Village Meadows will host craft and bake sale 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday at the school. Proceeds will benefit Village Meadows families in need. Vendor spaces are \$10 plus one craft donation. For more information, call Crystal Schilling or Barbara Oliver at 515-2990.

Adult tennis lessons

The Parks and Leisure Services will run adult tennis lessons in four one-hour increments starting 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturdays. The fee is \$45.00 per person for four lessons. A U.S. Tennis Association teaching professional will be the instructor. Registration is ongoing at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. Lessons will be held at the King's Court Tennis Center. For more information, call 458-7922.

Youth basketball league

Register your child by Dec. 30 for the Parks and Leisure Youth Basketball Program. League play is scheduled to begin on or about Jan. 29. The league is open to girls and boys, 5 - 15. Registration is \$65 per player for ages 5 - 8 and \$ 75 per player for ages 9 - 15 with all participants keeping their shirt/jersey. There will be a waiting list established for all age divisions, so insure that your child or children are registered by close of business Dec. 30. Registration began Wednesday and runs through Dec. 30 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. A \$15 late fee and program waiting list begins Dec. 31. The participant's birth certificate will be required when registering. For more information, call 458-7922.

Adult basketball league

Find your basketball sneakers and all your friends be-

cause it's Parks and Leisure Services basketball season time! Cost is \$550 per team with teams consisting of 5 to 10 players, 16 and up. Games will be played throughout the week at Sierra Vista Middle School gym with registration running Monday - Jan. 10. Informational meeting is 6:30 p.m., Jan. 10 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center with the league scheduled to begin on or about Feb. 4. Register your team at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

Youth basketball coaches needed

The Parks and Leisure Services are looking for volunteers 18 and older who would like to pass on their knowledge, skills and abilities to our community youth in the upcoming Youth Basketball Program. The program is for girls and boys, 5 - 15, with all divisions being coed. Coaches are needed by Jan. 5 with the program schedule to start Jan. 29. Volunteer applications are available at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

Holiday ball

The Commanding General, USAIC&FH, wishes to invite you to the Holiday Ball. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.; dinner is at 7 p.m. on Dec. 3, at the TMAC. The dress for the event will be Military Dress Uniform/ Black Tie/ Gown. For more information, call your unit Command Sgt. Maj.

Senior women's softball

The Hot Flashes, a senior women's softball team from Sierra Vista/Bisbee, is recruiting players that are at least 47-years-old. This team travels to women's senior softball tournaments in Arizona and bordering states. For more information, call Cheryl Linendoll, 459-0607.

Bataan Memorial

Death March will be conducted on March 20 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The memorial march recognizes the sacrifices made by thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members

overwhelmed by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands during World War II.

Bataan Memorial Death March information and registration is available at www.bataanmarch.com. There is a limit of 4,000 marchers.

The 26.2-mile march starts on the Army installation's main post, crosses hilly terrain, winds around a small mountain and returns to the finish line through sandy desert trails and washes. The elevation varies from about 4,100 to 5,300 feet. While marathon length, the memorial march is not a sanctioned marathon.

The event is open to military (active duty, reserve, National Guard, ROTC, JROTC or retired) and civilian teams and individuals in either heavy or light divisions.

For information about the march call the White Sands Missile Range Community Recreation Division at 505-678-1256 or the Public Affairs Office at 505-678-1134. Questions and comments may be e-mailed to bataan@wsmr.army.mil.

Trekkers

The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight year round events in Arizona.

The year round events consist of walks at the Coronado National Memorial; Fort Huachuca; Naco, Ariz. to Naco, Sonora, Mexico; historic Bisbee; Tombstone; Benson; and Sedona.

For more information, call Wendy or Dave Breen at 378-1763.

New classes at MWR Arts Center

The MWR Arts Center is offering new classes. "Polaroid Manipulation" is offered 6 - 8 p.m., Thursdays. This class teaches the student how to turn an ordinary Polaroid picture into a "work of art." Cost of the class is \$28 and includes all materials.

For more information, call 533-2015 or stop by the Arts Center, located in Building 52008 on Arizona Street.

Pets Of The Week



Sheera is a 1-year-old domestic shorthair with four kittens.



Black Jack is a 6-month-old black male cat.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

Ladder 49

PG-13

Friday -7 p.m.

Taxi

PG-13

Saturday -7 p.m.

Friday Night Lights

PG-13

Sunday -2 p.m.

Shark Tales

PG

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news in the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source. Tune in to our news block hours at four convenient times throughout the day. The Fort Report airs weekdays at 6 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Army NewsWatch follows at 6:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 6:05 p.m. and 10:05 p.m. Catch Air Force TV News right after at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Be sure to top it all off with Navy/Marine Corps News at 7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

If you're interested in posting your message on the Commander's Channel, e-mail your request to channel97@hua.army.mil.



2004 Intramural Flag Football Standings
(as of November 11, 2004)

<u>NFC</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>GB</u>
HHC 111th MI	6	0	1.000	---
Company D 309th	4	1	.800	11/2
NCOA	3	2	.600	21/2
Company D 86th Sig	3	2	.600	21/2
HHC, 40th Sig	2	2	.500	3
MEDDAC	2	2	.500	3
Chaos	2	2	.500	3
Company B 305th	2	2	.500	3
USMC/USN Det.	3	3	.500	3
269th Sig	2	3	.400	31/2
19th Sig Co	2	3	.400	31/2
Company C 40th Sig	1	4	.200	31/2
HHC, 306th MI	0	6	.000	6

<u>AFC</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>GB</u>
HHC USAG	5	0	1.000	---
DFAC	4	0	1.000	1/2
Company A 305th	3	1	.750	11/2
Company C 305th	2	1	.667	2
HHC 11th Sig.	3	2	.600	2
Company C 304th	3	2	.600	2
NETCOM	2	2	.500	21/2
69th Sig	2	3	.400	3
Company E 309th	2	3	.400	3
ISEC	1	3	.250	31/2
JITC	1	4	.200	4
Company A 40th	1	4	.200	4
Sonoita Border Patrol	0	4	.000	41/2

Flag football game results

November 10

HHC 111th MI	30	19th Sig Co.	7
HHC 40th Sig	13	NCOA	6
USMC/USN	19	Company B 305th	6
Company D 40th	1	HHC, 306th MI	0
Company D 309th	13	269th Sig	7
Company D 86th		MEDDAC	PPD

Monday

MEDDAC	12	29th Sig	7
Company D 86th	1	HHC, 306th MI	0
USMC/USN	12	Company D 309th	12
HHC 111th MI	19	HHC 40th Sig	6
NCOA	13	Company D 40th	6
Chaos	34	19th Sig Co.	0

Tuesday

NETCOM	16	ISEC	8
69th Sig	13	Company C 305thI	12
HHC USAG	1	DFAC	0
Company E 309th	1	Company A 40th	0
Company C 304th	1	Border Patrol	0
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